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Top Claims Administrator Launches Education Seminars for New Medicare Reporting Requirements

Engle Martin Assures Clients Compliance

ATLANTA, June 4, 2009 – MMSEA. CMS. SCHIP. MIR. PMSI. What does this alphabet soup of acronyms mean for businesses? With a penalty of \$1,000 per day per claim for non-compliance, it is imperative that risk management professionals and business leaders know with confidence that the company paid to handle their company's insurance claims understands the new government regulations and has plans in place to assure compliance.

In 1980, the Medicare Secondary Payer Act (MSA) was enacted to ensure that Medicare does not pay for certain health care services that insurance plans cover. The original Act was enforced for accident & health and workers' compensation. In 2007, the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program) Extension Act, known as MMSEA, passed effectively providing the Center for Medicare Services the "teeth" by which to in part enforce the Medicare Secondary Payer Act of 1980 to ensure that insurer's with general liability and no-fault automobile claims with Medicare recipients are protecting Medicare's interest.

Engle Martin Claims Administrative Services (EMCAS), a division of Engle Martin & Associates, a national insurance adjusting and claims administration firm, is working to educate and prepare risk managers and insurance brokers on the MMSEA reporting requirements. The company is hosting seminars across the country featuring Thomas Thornton, III, shareholder of Birmingham-based Carr Allison, P.C. Thornton is a litigation defense attorney who specializes in defending personal injury claims filed against businesses.

According to Thornton, "Smart business executives and insurance professionals are educating themselves on the reporting requirements and the impact which they will have on day-to-day operations, claims handling, and settlement strategies, and how to best get it done. Those that already work with a claims administrator like Engle Martin are able to know beyond any doubt that their company is not only complying with the MSP and MMSEA regulations for reporting, but are also implementing new protocols to stay ahead of the curve with regard to handling liability claims in this new age."

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will require quarterly reports from any entity that makes a settlement payment to a Medicare beneficiary beginning Jan. 1, 2010. There is a testing phase to begin July 1, 2009.

In an effort to proactively align with strategic partners ensuring clients and potential clients have the best and most current resources available to them, EMCAS selected PMSI Settlement Solutions as their exclusive reporting agent for MMSEA. PMSI Settlement Solutions has been a leader in the Medicare Set-Aside area since 2001 providing allocations for both workers' compensation and liability claims.

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Says Engle Martin CEO, Kevin L. Engle, "Obviously, all insurance service companies are going to follow the law. What makes Engle Martin stand out is constant communication with our clients, hosting additional future face-to-face educational opportunities such as with Tom Thornton, and the assurance that we seek out the strategic partnerships needed to protect our client's businesses."

About Engle Martin & Associates, Inc.

Atlanta-based Engle Martin & Associates, Inc. specializes in independent loss adjusting services and claims administration. The firm provides quality services to clients through the company's offices located in 28 cities throughout the United States. Founded in 1997, Engle Martin supports three distinct brands: EM Adjusting, EMCAS – third party claims administration services and EM Consulting.

Engle Martin's internal controls have been certified as being in compliance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountant's Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS 70 Type II). For more information, visit www.EngleMartin.com.

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